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- > Amendment Transmittal
- > Response to PTO Communication of May 7, 2004

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PATENT
Docket No. PD-990066
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James A. Michener, et al.

Serial No. 09/345,659

Filed: June 30, 1999

For: DELIVERY AND TRANSMISSION OF DOLBY DIGITAL
AC-3 OVER TELEVISION BROADCAST

Date: August 9, 2004

Group Art Unit: 2655

Examiner: Michael N. Opsasnick

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time for () month(s) to respond to the Office Action dated ____.
If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

____ An extension for ____ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of ____
is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. \$ ____
Extension fee due with this request \$ ____

X Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated May 7, 2004.
However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

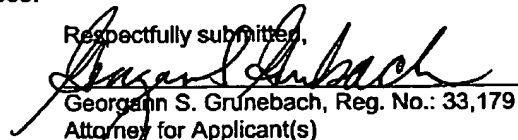
X No additional fee for claims is required.

X The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED									
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT			HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	15	minus	27*	=	0	x	\$ 18.00	\$	Ø
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	minus	5**	=	0	x	\$ 86.00	\$	Ø
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					0	+	\$ 290.00	\$	Ø
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:								\$	Ø

Charge \$000.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of Hughes Electronics Corporation, El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

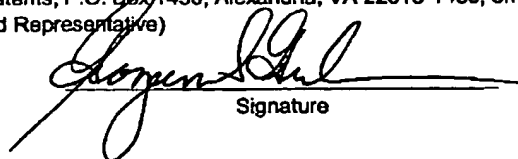
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 7, 2004, claims 17-27 are being canceled without prejudice as set forth in the remarks discussed below.

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